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# H. R. 11

To extend the temporary increase in payments under the Medicare Program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KING of Iowa, Ms. HERSETH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. NEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KIND, Mr. ROSS, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, and Mr. HALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Rural Home  
5 Health Services Improvement Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEDICARE**  
2 **PAYMENT INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH**  
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

4 Section 421 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Im-  
5 provement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law  
6 108–173; 117 Stat. 2283; 42 U.S.C. 1395fff note) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ONE-**  
9 **YEAR**” and inserting “**TEMPORARY**”; and

10 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “2005” and  
11 inserting “2007”.

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